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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR THE CLARK VISIT TO KOREA

WE HAVE RECEIVED MR. CLARK'S LETTER OF FEB. 5 AND WE WILL PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED. WE FIND THE AGENDA SATISFACTORY WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

1) IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONVENE A JOINT MEETING OF THE MINISTERS AS REQUESTED. WE WILL HOWEVER ARRANGE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION, AS WELL AS THE SENIOR SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND MR. SONG, IN SANG. THERE IS NO MINISTER OF ENERGY WITHIN THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT. THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY MATTERS. UNLESS THERE IS SOME COMPELLING REASON WITH WHICH WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. IN OUR JUDGEMENT, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND HIS STAFF ON THE ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD ON MONDAY MORNING FOLLOWED BY THE MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FINANCE ON TUESDAY WILL PROVIDE THE BEST SOURCES FOR ANSWERS TO THE SIX TOPICS LISTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE DRAFT AGENDA.

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3. THE MEETINGS WITH THE OTHER MINISTERS WILL PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF GOVERNMENT PLANS AND PROJECTS
WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

4. WE WILL ARRANGE THE REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH LEADING
INDUSTRIAL FIRMS AND WITH THE AMERICAN BANKS.

5. WE ARE FORWARDING THE SIX TOPICS WHICH YOU WISH TO
DISCUSS TO THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
MEMEBRS OF THE GOVERNMENT. OUR ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND
HIS STAFF WILL BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH YOU SHORTLY
AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL TO DISCUSS THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS
AND APPOINTMENTS WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN MADE AND TO PROVIDE
ANY INFORMATION ON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT
KOREAN ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH YOU MAY REQUIRE. OUR
COMMERCIAL STAFF WILL ARRANGE THE REQUESTED
MEETINGS WITH INDUSTRIAL FIRMS.
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